Leakage of examination papers

203. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of examination paper leak occurred in various parts of the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the particulars of the examination for which the papers were leaked out;

(c) whether the AIPMT (CBSE) papers were also leaked out in April, 2004;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of enquiry committees/commissions set up to look into the incidents of paper leak and fix responsibility;

(f) the outcome of the investigations made by these committees/ commissions; and

(g) the action taken by Government on the reports submitted so far by these enquiry committees/commissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a): The question paper for All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance (Preliminary) Examination, 2004 conducted by CBSE and scheduled for 11.4.2004 was leaked out. The question paper was leaked by a Computer Assistant working in the office of the Controller of Examinations of CBSE, who was engaged for typing the question paper. The Computer Assistant concerned has been placed under suspension by CBSE. The Delhi Police registered a case in this matter and has made detailed investigations. They arrested six culprits including allegedly the kingpin, and the chargesheet has been filed by the Delhi Police. There was also alleged leakage of question papers of 2003 examinations. CBI has filed a charge sheet in this case also against five accused. A High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. J .Veera Raghavan, Former Secretary, MHRD, Government of India has been set up by the CBSE to examine various procedures currently adopted by the CBSE with a purpose to identify the loopholes in the system of examinations. It will also suggest necessary measures for strengthening the system of eliminate any possibility of leakage of question papers.

In an another case, the question paper for Common Admission

Test (CAT)-2003 scheduled for 23rd November, 2003 for admission to IIMs was leaked. CBI had busted a racket of leakage of question papers. Shri Arun Kumar, Kumar Suman Singh, Manoj Kumar and Hari Shankar Chaudhary in conspiracy among themselves and other unknown persons procured CAT question paper by theft or criminal breach of trust. A regular case has been registered by CBI. The Ministry has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri V.K. Shunglu, ex C&AG to examine the circumstances which led to leakage of question paper and to see whether there was any systemic failure, to fix responsibility on these persons/ agency responsible for the leakage and to examine the methodology of conduct of CAT examination and to suggest measures to avoid recurrence of such instances in future.

In the year 2003 & 2004, two papers each of BCA/MCA courses of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) were leaked out. FIR was lodged in these cases and also an Enquiry Committee constituted by the Board of Management. Four students and one employee of the examination centre were arrested. Proceedings for debarring the students from continuing with the programme further/or withholding result till there is a decision on the criminal case.

Courses at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

204. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the courses being conducted at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore;

(b) what is the intake of students in each course;

(c) the grant given by the Government during 2003-04;

(d) the fee being charged for each course;

(e) whether any preference is being given to Karnataka candidates at the time of admissions; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake in some courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore is conducting the courses namely Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM),